

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Canceled)  
Claims 2-5 (Canceled)  
Claim 6 (Canceled)  
Claim 7 (Cancelled)  
Claim 8 (Canceled)  
Claim 9 (Canceled)  
Claim 10 (Canceled)  
Claims 11-20 (Cancelled)  
Claim 21 (Canceled)  
Claim 22 (Canceled)  
Claim 23 (Canceled)  
Claim 24 (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus for transferring image data from a first network to a second network, said apparatus comprising:

a first discrimination unit configured to discriminate if the received image data is a confidential data or not;

a judgment unit configured to judge if the transfer path to the destination of the received image data is secure or not, when the result of the discrimination by said first discrimination unit indicates the received image data is a confidential data; and

a storage control unit configured to control to store the received image data in storage area corresponding to the destination of the received image data, when the result of the judgment by said judgment unit indicates the transfer path is not secure; and

a transmission unit configured to transmit a message that the received image data is stored in said storage area, to the destination of the received image data.

26. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising:

management unit configured to manage address of a ~~transmission~~ the destination in relation with whether there exists a public key;

second discrimination unit configured to discriminate whether there exists the public key related to the address of the ~~transmission~~ destination, if said judgment unit judges that the transfer path is not secure;

encrypting unit configured to encrypt the received image data, if said second discrimination unit discriminates that there exists the public key; and

transmission unit configured to transmit the received image data encrypted by said encrypting unit to the ~~transmission~~ destination.

27. (Currently Amended) A control method for a communication apparatus for transferring image data from a first network to a second network, said method comprising:

a first discrimination step of discriminating if the received image data is a confidential data or not;

a judgment step of judging if the transfer path to the destination of the received

image data is secure or not, when the result of the discrimination in said first discrimination step indicates the received image data is a confidential data; and

a storage control step of storing controlling to store the received image data in storage area corresponding to the destination of the received image data, when the result of the judgment in said judgment step indicates the transfer path is not secure;

a transmission step of transmitting a message that the received image data is stored in said storage area, to the destination of the received image data.

28. (Currently Amended) A storage medium computer-readably storing a program for causing a computer to execute a control method for a communication apparatus for transferring image data from a first network to a second network, said method comprising:

a first discrimination step of discriminating if the received image data is a confidential data or not;

a judgment step of judging if the transfer path to the destination of the received image data is secure or not, when the result of the discrimination in said first discrimination step indicates the received image data is a confidential data; and

a storage control step of storing controlling to store the received image data in storage area corresponding to the destination of the received image data, when the result of the judgment in said judgment step indicates the transfer path is not secure;

a transmission step of transmitting a message that the received image data is stored in said storage area, to the destination of the received image data.